GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2328
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RELEASE OF RICE UNDER SPECIAL PROJECT FOR FOOD SECURITY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala, under a special project for Food Security,submitted a project to the Union Government for the release of 1,21,752 MTs of rice to the State for free distribution to the victims of natural calamities;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether such requests have been received from some other States also;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) Yes Sir. The Government of Kerala has submitted a special project for the release of 1,21,752 MTs of foodgrains for free distributions to the labourers.

(b) The foodgrains allocated under the Special Component of the SampooranGrameen Rozgar Yojana or under the normal Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana are meant for utlisation towards part payment of wages to the labourers engaged in works undertaken under the schemes and not for free distribution. Since the project submitted by the State Government was not as per the provisions laid down in the SGRY Guidelines, the same was not accepted.

(c) No sir.

(d)&(e) Do not arise.